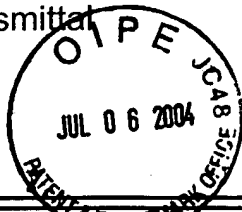


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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (18 pages)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (3 pages)
PTO Form 1499 (1 page)
(3) references
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Exhibit A: Information Disclosure Statement submitted August 4, 2003 and return postcard (4 pages)
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Also included herewith is the following Exhibit:

Exhibit A: Copy of Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement submitted August 4, 2003 and return postcard